REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 11-18 stand in the present application. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 11-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chibelushi et al. ("Chibelushi") and Haykin.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's § 103 rejections of the claims.

The Examiner has not met the burden of providing a prima facie case of obviousness based on the above-described references. Applicants have not been provided with a copy of the relevant portions of the Haykin reference nor have Applicants been provided with copies or even an identification of the Tsoukalas reference which is cited by the Examiner at pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action.

A copy of Haykin is not readily available to the undersigned and there is no copy available on the private PAIR system. Tsoukalas has not been cited anywhere in the present case either by the Examiner or by Applicants, and the Examiner has not provided any way of identifying this reference, i.e., as a patent published article, etc. Accordingly, the Examiner's § 103 rejection of the claims is defective in that Applicants have not been provided the information needed to rebut the Examiner's assertions. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections of the claims are improper and must be withdrawn.

Therefore, in view of the above remarks, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner issue a new non-final Office Action including citations to any prior art relied upon as well as providing copies of the prior art relied upon.

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